(a) the reason for removing the Diwan Peishkar from the Standing Finance Committee and appointing, instead of the Diwan Peishkar, the Secretary to the Legislative Council, and

(b) whether the Secretary to the Legislative Council should be a member of all Committees appointed by the Government, and if so, to give the reason for it ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) Government thought that the cost and sacrifice to other work of the Diwan Peishkar could be avoided by the appointment of the Secretary to the Legislative Council as an official member of the Standing Finance Committee, to which he is well-fitted.

(b) No hard and fast rule can be laid down. Government will act according to the circumstances of each case.

Police Training at Vellore.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

152. Will the Government be pleased to inform

(a) How many graduates are now in the Police force at present ;

(b) the date on which the suggestion to select Mr. P. Neelakandha Menon was first before the Government;

(c) the dates on which the suggestion for the selection of Messrs. A. L. Devassi and Ankarath Ravunni Mannadiar was first before the Government;

(d) whether Messrs. Neelakandha Menon, Devassi and Mannadiar were applicants for appointments in the Police Department; and if so, the date of their respective applications ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) Six.

(b) 18th March 1925.

(c) 18th March 1925 and 9th September 1925 respectively.

(d) No.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

153. (a) Will the Government be pleased to inform whether the Commissioner of Police was consulted with reference to the selection of the above-named gentlemen for the Police training ;

(b) Whether there are no men already in the Police service who could have been selected for such training ;

(c) Whether the Government invited applications for those posts by notification in the Gazette and notices in newspapers

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